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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents identified on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the non-U.S. documents, as well as a copy of a Japanese Office Action citing those documents, are also enclosed.

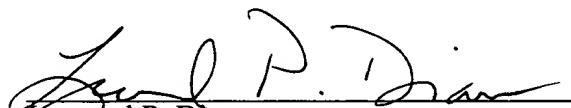
For the concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents, the Examiner is respectfully referred to the attached English abstracts or partial English translation, as the case may be; also, JPA 10-269353 corresponds to U.S. Patent 6,137,498.

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It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	<b>6,137,498</b>	<b>10/24/00</b>	<b>Silvers</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>435</b>	

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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## OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	<b>Silvers, R., "Photomosaics" Edited by Michael Hawley, An Owl Book, Henry Holt and Company, New York</b>

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